

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING SONET FRAMES INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS TO OPTIMIZE BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed  
Yes No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Prior Provisional Application(s)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

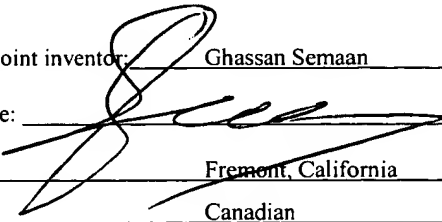
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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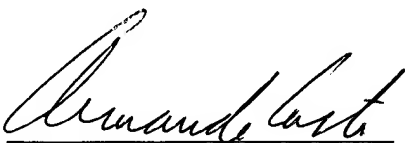
Sir:

Cyras Systems, Inc., 47100 Bayside Parkway, Fremont, California 94538, assignee of the above-identified application, by assignment dated Sept. 8, 2000 hereby appoints the members of the firm of DERGOSITS & NOAH LLP, a firm composed of Michael E. Dergosits (Reg. No. 31,243), Todd A. Noah (Reg. No. 35,626), Richard A. Nebb (Reg. No. 33,540), Laurie J. Mintz (Reg. No. 35,957), Paul K. Tomita (Reg. No. 43,196) Geoffrey T. Staniford (Reg. No. 43,151), and Andrew B. Schwaab (Reg. No. 38,611) Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 1150, San Francisco, California 94111, (415) 705-6377, (415) 705-6383 (fax), as its attorneys with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transmit all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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